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SUBJ: COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION: AUSTRIAN CHEESE

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1. ON DEC 16 REPS FROM TREASURY (SELF), CUSTOMS (TABORSKY) AND AGATT MET WITH AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS FROM MINAG, ASSOC DAIRY COOPS AND HARD CHEESE EXPORT CO. TO DISCUSS COUNTERVAILING DUTY COMPLAINT AGAINST AUSTRIAN CHEESE. AFTER INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY SELF COVERING COUNTERVAILING DUTY LAW AND PROCEDURES, AUSTRIANS GAVE EXTENSIVE EXPLANATION PRICING SYSTEM FOR CHEESES.

2. AUSTRIANS EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE. MAIN POINTS STRESSED AMONG OTHER THINGS WAS THAT DAIRY INDUSTRY IN AUSTRIA HAS BEEN REGULATED FOR 50 YEARS AND THAT MAINTENANCE EXPORTS OF DAIRY PRODUCTS INCLUDING CHEESES VITAL FOR WELL BEING DAIRY FARMERS WHO HAVE NO OTHER ALTERNATIVES OF PRODUCTION. IN ADDITION THEY COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HOW CHEESE EXPORTS COULD HURT US DAIRY FARMERS FOR AUSTRIAN CHEESES ACCOUNT FOR ONLY 1.3 PERCENT OF US DAIRY

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CONSUMPTION.

3. SELF AND TABORSKY VERY PLEASED EXTENT AUSTRIAN OPENNESS DURING DISCUSSIONS. SELF THANKED THEM FOR THEIR COOPERATION STRESSING THAT INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED IN WASHINGTON. HE ADDED THAT TREASURY WILL ADMINISTER LAW EXPEDITIOUSLY AND THAT ULTIMATE DECISION WILL BE BASED ON LEGAL AS WELL AS TECHNICAL FACTORS. HUMES

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